

Boat Tours and Naturalist Programs

2003 Special Events

January – March, Wild Winter Rendezvous (weekends) — Learn about ice cutting and travel by snowshoe or ski. These programs and more at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Call (218) 286-5258, Wed. - Sun. for a schedule.

June 6 – 8, Spring Birders Rendezvous — This celebration of spring migration offers naturalist-led walks and boat tours with regional ornithologists. Schedule available in April, call (218) 286-5258.

June 20 – August 16, Special Speakers Series (Fridays) — sit back, relax and let a guest speaker intrigue you about the northwoods. Call (218) 875-2111.

August 30 & 31 Welcome Autumn Rendezvous — Greet the change of seasons through nature walks, talks, boat tours and paddling. Create an autumn craft to remind you of your visit. Schedule available in August, call (218) 875-2111.

Other Program Notes

- Tour Boat Reservations:
- To make reservations for tour boat cruises call toll-free (888) 381-2873
  - Reservations must be made with a credit card. (Visa or MasterCard only). You may pay cash once you board the boat.
  - Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to departure to avoid being charged.
  - Reservations are highly recommended.
  - Cruises require a minimum number of participants to go.
  - See listed rates for cruises on program schedule at right.
  - All trips are weather dependent.
- Group Tours:
- Nonscheduled days are open for group tours and special trips.
- Canoe Programs:
- Reservations are recommended for all canoe trips.
  - All canoe trips are weather dependent.
  - Canoes, paddles, life jackets and instructions are provided.



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Kettle Falls Cruise:

June 16 – Sept. 1  
Sept. 6 & 13  
Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. After a pleasant 1.5 hour cruise, arrive with another 1.5 hours on land to dine at the hotel or enjoy a picnic lunch, and to explore the hotel and nearby dam. Tour fees do not include meals.

Kettle Falls Evening Cruise:

July 1 – August 28  
Experience the same beautiful trip to Kettle Falls in an evening setting.

Kabetogama Le Voyage glace:

June 15 – August 31  
Savor a special “cool” treat en route to see watchable wildlife on Lake Kabetogama. La glace included in fee. If you don’t know what la glace is – ask a ranger!

Welcome to Voyageurs Cruise:

June 15 – August 31  
Enjoy a scenic evening cruise on Lake Kabetogama and learn about Voyageurs National Park and its programs. Pizza and beverages provided for everyone, included in fee.

Sunset Wildlife Cruise:

June 16 – August 16  
August 17 – Sept. 1  
View Kabetogama Lake’s islands and scenic bays transformed in sunset while observing loons, bald eagles, and other park wildlife. Marvel at unique sculptures while exploring winding garden paths during a half-hour stop at Ellsworth Rock Gardens.

Voyage by Canoe:

June 17 – August 16  
Join a ranger to learn the basics, then set out to see nearby islands and wildlife by canoe. We provide lessons, canoes, paddles, and life jackets. All from novice to expert are welcome. Meet at the Woodenfrog Beach.

Voyageurs Adventures for Kids:

June 18 – August 16  
Explore the natural world around you with a park ranger. Ask about our Junior Ranger Program. Meet at the Woodenfrog Beach.

Evening Ranger Program:

June 19 – August 16  
Discover the wonders of Voyageurs National Park, past and present, with a park naturalist or guest speaker during an evening presentation at the historic Woodenfrog Refectory Building.

North Canoe Voyage: (reservations recommended)

June 15 – August 14  
Paddle back in history aboard a North Canoe. Learn the Voyageur paddle salute, sing some French songs and explore the life of a voyageur. Meet at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center.



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North Canoe Voyage: (reservations recommended)

June 16 – August 13  
Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the Voyageur paddle salute, sing some French songs and explore the life of a voyageur. Meet at Ash River Visitor Center.

Evening Beaver Pond Explore:

June 15 – August 12  
Discover just how busy beavers really are. Learn how these master builders have shaped our land and history in amazing ways. View them, their pond, and the other wild creatures that inhabit it. Meet at the Beaver Pond Overlook.

Rock Talk:

June 17 – August 14  
If rocks could talk, what would they say? Hear the story of some of the oldest rocks on earth. Meet at the Ash River Visitor Center for a short rock walk.



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The park will offer special boat trips August 24 – September 1. Please call for schedule.

Gold Mine Tour:

June 15 – August 22  
This tour takes you to Little American Gold Mine Island where you depart from the tour boat for a Ranger-led 1/4 mile walk (fully accessible) through the remains of the mining activities. Return to the boat and experience a tour through the “Gold Fields” of Rainy Lake.

Discovery Cruise:

June 16 – August 23  
Discover the wonders and beauty of Voyageurs National Park. The captain will navigate Rainy Lake in search of active bald eagle nests, abandoned gold mines and abundant wildlife. Bring your camera!

Full Moon Cruise:

July 12 & August 12  
Enjoy a tranquil boat trip while the moon glistens over the waters of Rainy Lake. Discover the night life of Voyageurs National Park and listen for the possibility of howling wolves.

Sunset Cruise:

June 15 – August 21  
Enjoy the beauty of Rainy Lake! Join a Ranger for a relaxed evening cruise through the waters of the inside channel while discovering the night life of Voyageurs National Park.

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Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the Voyageur paddle salute, sing some French songs and explore the life of a voyageur.

Evening Canoe: (reservations recommended)

June 19 – August 16  
Join a ranger for a relaxing evening on Black Bay to explore the sights and sounds of Voyageurs. Experience not necessary. Instructions and equipment provided.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CALL BEFORE MAKING FINAL PLANS.